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ROSIER HOUSE--JONES HOUSE

1858-1863

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This small, two-story, vernacular style house can be bracketed in time between sales of 1858 and 1863. Hosea Rosier was probably its original owner and he sold to John Fife in 1863 and bought it back the same year. Rosier was a veteran of the Mexican War, recorded in the town history as a brawler in youth, a grey-bearded patriarch in his old age. The house remained in the Rosier family until 1941. The only decorative features are scroll brackets on the porch. Outer covering is white composition shingle. Overall dimensions of this modest house are 18 by 24 feet.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC ROSIER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Jones House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21,431 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William M. &amp; Cora M. Jones

Telephone #: 357-8771

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21105

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: CWB JR. 1165

Folio #: 387

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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ROSIER HOUSE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Rosier House is a small, two-story house in vernacular style with only one Victorian touch, some applied decoration on the porch columns. The house is three bays wide, probably with center-hall floor plan. The screen door is monogrammed with a "J" for the present owners.

The roof is gabled over the main block, continuing to the rear of the house as a shed roof over a one-bay deep wing. The eaves overhang only slightly.

The front door is solid and paneled. The main windows are 6-over-6 double-hung sash types. Outer covering is white composition shingle material. The one-story front porch is full width, shed-roofed, supported by four turned posts. The posts are decorated with scroll brackets. There is a plain cornice under the porch roof. The porch deck is only a step above grade.

The south end of the main block has no windows at all on the first and second-story levels. Two small, square, four-pane windows in the gable end serve for attic lighting. In the one-bay rear wing, there are 6-over-6 double-hung sash windows at both first and second-story levels. The foundation is stone, mostly below grade.

The house is partially screened by a three-foot high hedge along the road frontage and a large mushroom-shaped maple tree prevents head-on architectural photography.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1858-63

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hosea Rosier house on the eastside of York Road in New Market or Maryland Line is one of the modest village houses lined up with the turnpike. It was presumably built after 1858, because in that year Adam Krout sold a 74-perch lot to Hosea Rosier for \$110, which, even allowing for the low price tags of that period, should not have included a house. (1) The dwelling was probably in place sometime before August of 1863, when Hosea Rosier and Hannah Rosier sold to John Fife for \$544.16. (2) Only a few months later, Fife sold it back to the Rosiers for \$500. (3)

This lot was bounded on the south by a public alley from the beginning. In the first tax series after the purchase, that of 1876, Hosea Rosier of New Market was charged with a house and lot worth a total of \$500. He had an additional three acres, a horse, two sheep, two hogs, and farming implements. (4) The county atlas of 1877 shows the H. Rosier house in the town. He is not listed among the small business owners in the various State directories. The H. Rosier lot also appears in an 1880 plat of town properties. (5) The 1896 tax ledger shows that Mrs. Hannah Rosier had 3/4 acre on the eastside of York Road and that the tract name was Sparks Folly. (6)

The only known history of this village listed Hosea Rosier as one of the town characters of the 19th Century. Late memories record him as a grey-bearded patriarch, active in church work and ready to say "Amen," but, in his youth, he had signed up for the Mexican War and had been famous for brawls and fist-fights. He was also reputed to have tried catching runaway slaves who were within two city blocks of freedom by the time they reached his door. (7)

In 1903, Hannah Rosier and other heirs of Hosea conveyed to Frederick Helb. (8) By 1905, Frederick Helb, described as a resident of the Borough of Railroad, York County, had died, and his heirs conveyed to another Rosier, John T. Rosier, for \$410. (9)

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The 1918 tax ledger shows that John S. Rosier's property was in the hands of L. Louise Rosier (administrator) and that it adjoined the Methodist Protestant Church property (i.e., the parsonage lot) on the north. There was a dwelling 18 by 24 feet, two stories, and unspecified outbuildings; the house was assessed at \$428. (10) The exact sum of \$428 helps a researcher follow this particular house through the tax books into the account of Leah L. (Louise) Rosier, to whom it was transferred in 1922. (11) The 1940-46 ledger mentions that the neighbor adjoining was Joseph Shaffer (who was actually to the south, on the property where the Thompson dwelling and the meat market of c. 1950 are located). (12)

In 1941, L. Louisa Rosier, widow, conveyed this house to William M. and Cora M. Jones for approximately \$1200-\$1650 (calculating from the revenue stamps on the deed). (13) The lot has retained its original measurements since 1858. Researching is somewhat complicated by the fact that this lot is a blank on Tax Map 3.

## NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 24:19.
2. B.C. Deeds, GHC 39:337.
3. B.C. Deeds, GHC 39:227.
4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1876, n.p.
5. Judicial Records, WMI 84:160, 169.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #495-11.
7. Chauncey C. Day, "Maryland Line (Originally New Market)," mss., no date, pp.2-3.
8. B.C. Deeds, WPC 293:508.
9. B.C. Deeds, WPC 283:514.
10. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 740.
11. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 754.
12. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1940-46, f. 305.
13. B.C. Deeds, CWB JR. 1165:387.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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B.C. Deeds JHL 39, 337; GHC 24:19.  
 B.C. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1876 (n.p.).  
 Chauncey C. Day, "Maryland Line (Originally New Market)," mss., no date, pp.2-3.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 74 square perches**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

N17W	3.2	perches on York Road
N57E	23.6	perches
S24E	3-1/11	perches to a public alley
S56-1/2W	24	perches along alley to York Road

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

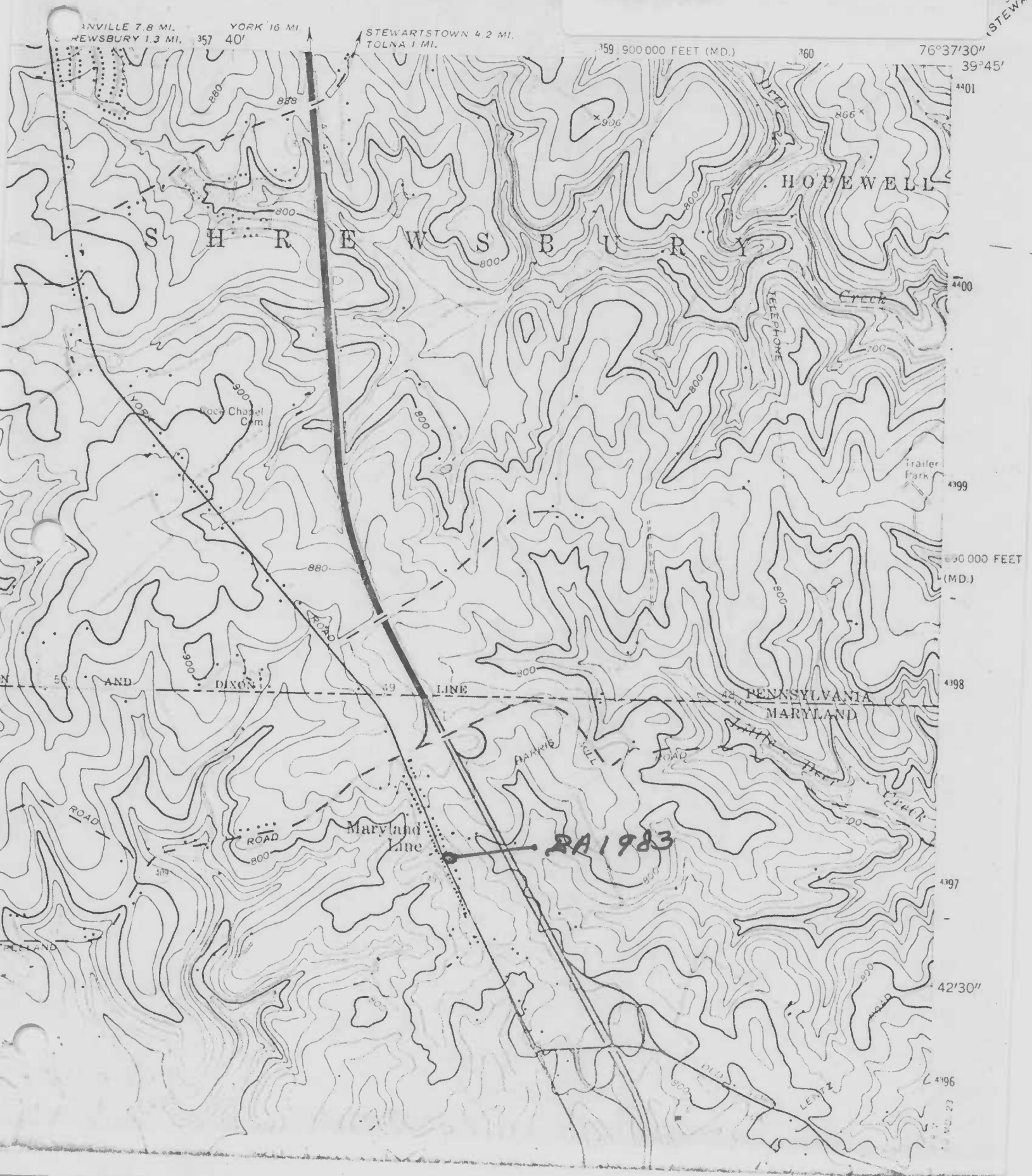
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ROSIER HOUSE BA 1983  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (W) & south facades